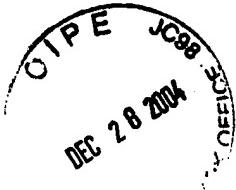


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PATENT



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of : Customer Number: 20277  
Atsushi IMAMURA, et al. : Confirmation Number: 3167  
Application No.: 10/077,962 : Group Art Unit: 2621  
Filed: February 20, 2002 : Examiner: Amir Alavi

For: REGION SEGMENTATION OF COLOR IMAGE

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Mail Stop Restriction Requirement  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Noting the Office Action of December 9, 2004 wherein restriction has been required, Applicant hereby elects Group I (claims 1 through 21) for prosecution in the above-identified application.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including

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extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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